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**Northwest Area Command**

**COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**TITLE:** Naloxone Training & Equipment {Resubmission}

**DATE SUBMITTED:** 03/14/2018

**APD RESPONSE DUE:** 04/11/2018 Twenty (20) business days after submission

**FINAL DISPOSITION:** 06/07/2018 Sixty (60) business days after submission

**RATIONALE:**

*This Recommendation was previously submitted. This resubmission is filed under the Keller administration for confirmation.*

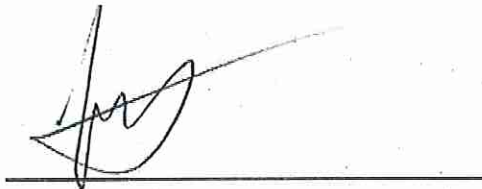
Per a Washington Post article, opiates (including heroin and prescription narcotic painkillers) now kill more Americans than gun homicides ("Heroin deaths surpass gun homicides for the first time, CDC data shows", Washington Post, Dec 8, 2016). Naloxone (brand name Narcan) is proven to be an effective immediate treatment to reverse opiate overdoses (<http://www.samhsa.gov/medication-assisted-treatment/treatment/naloxone>). Prompt administration of naloxone may prevent significant injury or death in the event of an opiate overdose. Naloxone is effective for all opiate overdoses and is not associated with significant side

effects. Although not effective for non-opiate overdoses, it is also not harmful. Common protocols call for administration of naloxone if an opiate overdose is suspected. Naloxone is available as a nasal spray that does not require special handling. The training to administer naloxone can be conducted as part of a first aid and/or CPR training course or through readily available online resources (<http://getnaloxonenow.org/>). The City of Albuquerque has recently moved to stock naloxone at all city facilities. We believe equipping police officers with naloxone is a logical extension of that program.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that APD adopt a program of training all officers in the appropriate use of naloxone and then equip those officers with naloxone nasal spray .

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Northwest Area Command Community Policing Council

Eric Jackson, Chair